



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 29, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“The Corrective Action Plan developed in the aftermath of the Musso (Strip Search) case delineated several improvements to prevent a reoccurrence of unlawful strip searches. These corrective actions included measures to identify and track detainees that are not legally subject to strip searches, measures to segregate general population inmates from pre-arraigned detainees, new County Counsel review procedures for sheriff policies, and the development of a system to track the distribution of policy changes. It is imperative that the Board monitor and be apprised of the implementation of these actions to prevent new costly litigation. The Special Counsel should be requested to review this implementation, and report back to the Board of Supervisors.”

Therefore, Supervisor Molina made a motion that the Board request Special Counsel Merrick Bobb to:

1. Review the Sheriff Department's implementation of the Corrective Action Plan developed in the aftermath of the Juliet Musso, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. (Strip Search) case, including development of an inmate/detainee tracking system, the segregation of general population inmates from pre-arraigned and pre-release detainees, County Counsel review of Sheriff policy, and a policy distribution tracking system; and
2. Report back to the Board within 90 days on the implementation status of the Corrective Action Plan, along with any suggestions for further improvement.

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a suggestion that Supervisor Molina's motion be amended to also request Special Counsel Merrick Bobb to ensure that the Sheriff implements a tracking and recordation protocol whereby the Sheriff's Department can keep track of which deputy or group of deputies were responsible for the strip search of any particular inmate or inmates. Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Yaroslavsky's amendment.

In addition, Supervisor Yaroslavsky instructed County Counsel to inquire if Supervisor Molina's recommendation and his amendment can be accomplished within Special Counsel Merrick Bobb's existing contract.

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Requested Special Counsel Merrick Bobb to:
 - a. Review the Sheriff Department's implementation of the Corrective Action Plan developed in the aftermath of the Juliet Musso, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. (Strip Search) case, including development of an inmate/detainee tracking system, the segregation of general population inmates from pre-arraigned and pre-release detainees, County Counsel review of Sheriff policy, and a policy distribution tracking system;
 - b. Ensure that the Sheriff implements a tracking and recordation protocol whereby the department can keep track of which deputy or group of deputies were responsible for the strip search of any particular inmate or inmates; and
 - c. Report back to the Board within 90 days on the implementation status of the Corrective Action Plan, along with any suggestions for further improvement; and

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2. Instructed County Counsel to inquire if the Board's request of Special Counsel Merrick Bobb can be accomplished within his existing contract.

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